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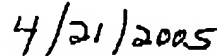
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Communication mailed 02/18/2005.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-31 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Ehrenberger in view of Cardella. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Ehrenberger in view of Cardella and further in view of Pace.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of the claims in view of the combination of the Ehrenberger and Cardella references. MPEP 2143.01 provides that the mere fact that references can be combined does not render the resultant combination obvious unless the prior art also suggest the desirability of the combination. *In re Mills*, 916 F.2d 680, 16 USPQ2d 1430 (Fed. Cir. 1990). The applicants submit that there is no incentive to combine the teachings of Ehrenberger and Cardella, and therefore, there is no *prima facie* case for obviousness. Obviousness cannot be established by combining the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion or incentive supporting the